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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (in acres)	24,735
Registrar General's Estimate of Population	6,570
Number of inhabited houses	2,106
Rateable value	£170,233
Net product of penny rate	£642. 8. 10

VITAL STATISTICS

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births -	Legitimate	32	39	71
	Illegitimate	2	4	6
Still Births -	Legitimate	-	1	1
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

	Rate for District		Rate for England and Wales 1969
	Crude	Corrected	
Live Birth Rate	11.7	13.9	16.3
Death Rate	13.1	10.1	11.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births		Nil	18.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	1	2
" " lung, bronchus	7	2
" " breast	-	1
Leukaemia	2	-
Other malignant neoplasms	-	3
Diabetes mellitus	3	-
Other diseases of nervous system	1	1
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	2
Hypertensive disease	1	1
Ischaemic heart disease	14	4
Other forms of heart disease	4	3
Cerebrovascular disease	7	7
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	2
Pneumonia	4	-
Bronchitis and emphysema	1	-
Cirrhosis of liver	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	2	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital anomalies	1	-
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	1	1
	54	32

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1969

Disease	Under 1	1/2	2/3	3/4	4/5	5/10	10/15	15/25	25/35	35/45	45/64	65 & over	Age unknown
Measles	-	1	3	2	2	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Meningoccal Meningitis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

New cases and mortality during 1969

One new case reported during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER

Supply

Sources of supply for the district remained unchanged as follows:

(a) Leicester Corporation's Welland Valley borehole to the parishes of:-

Uppingham
Lyddington
Thorpe-by-Water
Ayston
Bisbrooke
Seaton
Stoke Dry
Glaston

(b) Leicester Corporation's River Dove source to the parishes of:-

North Luffenham
South Luffenham
Morcott
Wing
Preston
Ridlington
Pilton
Belton

(c) Oundle & Thrapston R.D.C.'s. borehole at Tixover (bulk supply to the parish of Barrowden).

(d) Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board supply to the parish of Caldecott.

(e) Two small parishes are without public main supply. i.e. Wardley (population 22) and Beaumont Chase (population 6). At Wardley a good piped supply is available from a private estate.

Quantity & Quality

No centre of population in the district (excepting Wardley adequately supplied privately) is without public mains supply. Only a few isolated properties are outside the range of water mains. None of the mains supplies have plumbo-solvent characteristics.

The City of Leicester Water Department and the Mid-Northamptonshire Water Board have their own arrangements for sampling and examination of water supplies and routine duplicate sampling is considered unnecessary.

Water Sampling

The number of wells used for supply of drinking water is small and, due to the requirements of work in other directions, no samples were taken from them during the year.

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PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths in the district. Uppingham School has its own swimming bath for the use of the boys and staff and the public are admitted at certain times.

Name of Parish	Supplied by Mains Water Direct		Supplied by Stand Pipe	
	Houses	Estimated Population	Houses	Estimated Population
Ayston	15	46	-	-
Barrowden	127	393	-	-
Belton	96	291	2	6
Bisbrooke	60	180	-	-
Caldecott	92	283	-	-
Glaston	59	180	-	-
Luffenham, North	131	406	2	6
Luffenham, South	112	336	-	-
Lyddington	127	371	-	-
Morcott	111	344	1	3
Pilton	8	25	-	-
Preston	73	226	-	-
Ridlington	62	192	-	-
Seaton	58	174	-	-
Stoke Dry	11	34	-	-
Thorpe-by-Water	12	37	-	-
Uppingham	811	2470	-	-
Wing	102	310	-	-
Totals	2067	6298	5	15

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

The sewered villages are:-

Barrowden
Belton
Bisbrooke
Caldecott
Glaston
Luffenham, North
Luffenham, South
Lyddington
Morcott
Preston (parts of)
Ridlington
Uppingham and
Wing

The sewered villages include 95% of the population of the district. Schemes are being prepared for three more villages - Ayston, Seaton and the remainder of Preston. When the schemes are complete only about 2% of the population will be outside the sewered areas.

The surface aeration works at Uppingham produced a generally satisfactory effluent during the year. This works requires an excessive amount of technical management, is very susceptible to upset by surface water infiltration and climatic changes and is without general electrical and mechanical standby equipment.

The Council have continued to exercise compulsory closet conversion powers. The estimated closet accommodation for dwellings at the end of the year was

Pail Closets	40
Water Closets	2075

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A ten-day refuse collection service was maintained. Although restriction of public access to the tip has helped control, the latter is still difficult. It is uneconomic to have available daily on such a small tip the equipment and labour necessary for fully controlled tipping. No progress was made in the year towards combining resources with adjoining authorities for joint refuse disposal.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The specialist contractors appointed to do this work were efficient and dealt with complaints quickly and effectively.

The number of complaints of pests received was	41
The number of visits paid to premises was	101

A 10% test bait of sewered villages was carried out and a small follow-up treatment was necessary. In no case was a surface to sewer infestation found. There were 155 visits for sewer baiting.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Particulars given here are for all purposes, including particulars given elsewhere in the report.

Total number of complaints received.	52
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	43

Nature of Inspections	Number of Inspections	Number of re-visits
Water supplies	-	-
Milk supplies	-	-
Dwellinghouses	48	30
Tents, vans, etc	10	-
Food premises	45	21
Offensive trades	-	-
Factories and Workshops	11	-
Drainage systems	115	14
Sewage plant	19	334
Slaughterhouses	1	128
Meat & Foods	137	-
Infectious Disease	-	-
Refuse collection and disposal	28	152
Offices and Shops	15	-
Miscellaneous	33	7
Farm premises	-	-
Pests	45	81
	507	767

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Others
Outstanding on 1st January 1969	3	6
Issued during the year	1	4
Complied with during the year	3	7
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding on 31st December 1969	1	3
Statutory		
Outstanding on 1st January 1969	-	5
Issued during the year	-	Nil
Complied with during the year	-	4
Outstanding on 31st December 1969	-	1

HOUSING

Grant-aided improvements continued to make the most effective contribution towards modernisation and saving houses from demolition or closure. A decrease in actual applications during the year was due to owners awaiting the increased grants introduced by the Housing Act, 1969.

The following table shows the grant-aided work carried out in 1969.

Schemes	"Standard"		"Discretionary"	
	Owner-occupied	Tenanted	Owner-occupied	Tenanted
Approved	8	1	9	4
Completed	13	3	16	5

The number of unfit houses demolished during the year	3
The number of unfit houses closed during the year	-
The number of unfit houses made fit after formal action	-
The number of unfit houses remedied as a result of informal L.A. action	15
The number of new private dwellings completed	14
The number of new private dwellings under construction at the end of the year	32
The number of Council dwellings completed	19
The number of Council dwellings under construction at the end of the year	18

More dwellings for old people are still needed.

At the end of the year the number of applicants for accommodation on the Council's list approximated 150. Fortyfive applications were from persons outside the district.

FOOD

Milk

Routine milk sampling was not done, due to pressure of duties in other directions.

Meat & Foods

One small slaughterhouse continued in use and 100% meat inspection for the year was carried out.

Carcases Inspected

Animals	Cattle (excluding cows)	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	200	Nil	Nil	866	272	Nil
Number Inspected	200	Nil	Nil	866	272	Nil

Amount Rejected (Percentage)

Rejected	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Carcases or parts of carcases	Nil	Nil	Nil
Organs	3%	1%	1%
Stomachs & Intestines	Nil	Nil	Nil

Most of the organs condemmed had parasitic infestations or abscesses.

511 packets of assorted foods were condemned due to failures of freezing cabinets.

Food Premises

1. No. of premises by type of business

Bakehouses	1
Dairies	1
Butchers' Shops	7
Hotels, Cafes and Inns serving food	11
Grocers' Shops (including Greengrocers, etc).	34
Fish, fried	1
Fish, fresh	1
Premises for sale of Ice-cream	27

Note: Certain premises are automatically included under more than one sub-heading, e.g. Cafes and Ice-Cream premises.

A P P E N D I X

FACTORIES ACTS 1961

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provision as to Health (including inspection made by Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by local authorities	3	3	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority	22	8	-	-
(3) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the local authority excluding out-workers premises	1	-	-	-
	26	11	-	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found Nil

2. No. of Food Premises registered under section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Premises registered for the sale of Ice-Cream	27
Others	5

3. No. Dairies registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.

1

4. No. of inspections of registered Food Premisies

29

5. Method of disposal of Condemned Food

Burnt or buried at the Council refuse tip

6. Examination of Food Consignments Nil

7. Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was necessary during the year.